

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in the present application.

As submitted above, the Abstract and originally-filed Specification has been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner in the Quayle Action dated December 21, 2001.

A Substitute Specification has been attached hereto as required by the Quayle Action dated December 21, 2001. The Substitute Specification contains no new matter and is a true representation of the immediate prior version of record, the originally-filed Specification.

A newly executed Declaration has been attached hereto as required by the Quayle Action dated December 21, 2001.

Accordingly, in view of all the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present objections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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